

UNITED In CHRIST NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015



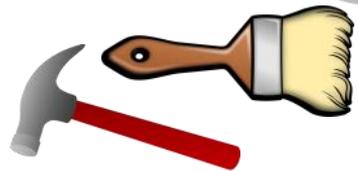
RALLY SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 13
QUIZZLE BEGINS! Youth Sunday
Pledge Campaign Begins
Picnic at West Milton Park after worship
Confirmation/Youth Group begins, 7 p.m.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

SEPTEMBER 20
Home repair project for
New Columbia resident, 12noon



F.R.O.G SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 27
2016 Offering Pledge Cards Due
Bring frogs to church! Stuffed animal frogs, pictures of
frogs, even real frogs (in a proper container, of course!)

"Quizzle" Intergenerational Faith Formation—9 a.m.
Worship—10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13 Rally Sunday, Youth Sunday
9:00 am – Quizzle (Burning Bush), prep for youth Sunday
10:00 am – Worship (led by Youth)
11:30 am – Congregational meeting
(pledge campaign begins)
12noon - Picnic at West Milton State Park
(2:00-4:30 pm – Pastor Schade’s book launch at Barnes &
Noble/Bucknell Bookstore)
7:00-8:00 pm – Confirmation – and Youth

Thurs. – Friday, Sept. 17-18 Ham and Bean Soup Prep

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Ham and Bean Soup Stand
Youth Henna Tattoo and T-shirt stand

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Sept. 27 FROG Sunday (Fully Rely On God) (Pledge cards due)
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SUNLIGHT FROM SCHADE

“The Challenges of Racism”

As part of our preparations for the ELCA Youth Gathering, we were asked to do a session on racism with our youth and their parents to help us begin thinking about this aspect of what we would encounter when we went to Detroit. We worked through the materials and began talking about racial and ethnic stereotypes and the way racism is “baked in” to the fabric of our lives on an individual, interpersonal, social and institutional level. I have to say, those sessions generated some of the most meaningful conversations I’ve ever had in our church. While on the surface, it may appear that we are a fairly homogeneous congregation, if you dig just a little, you discover that we are more diverse than you might think. For example, we have several people of mixed races or African descent in our congregation. We also have some folks who are either LGBTQ, or closely related to someone who is. The group also discussed our diversity in terms of socio-economics, age, and disability. So when we talk about “confronting racism” and other forms of injustice, we’re talking about very real people—our brothers and sisters in Christ—who have experienced injustice in a very personal way.

Our ELCA Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, made an intentional effort to address these very concerns in a recent webcast she did with William Horne II, an African American ELCA member in Florida. In several public statements, Eaton has called for deep conversations about racism and racial justice, particularly in response to several events in the United States, such as police killings of unarmed black men and women, and the June 17 racially-motivated slaughter of black women and men at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. “God’s intention for all humanity is that we see the intrinsic worth, dignity and value of all people. Racism undermines the promise of community and fractures authentic relationships with one another. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act,” says Eaton.

Added Mr. Horne: “Talking about race and racism is hard work for most of us. Our Christian witness compels us to confront our sinfulness in all forms from within and outside of ourselves. It is more beneficial if we do it together.” You can see the video of their enlightening conversation here:

<http://elca.org/webcast>.

In response to a statement and call to action from the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), Bishop Eaton has asked ELCA churches participate

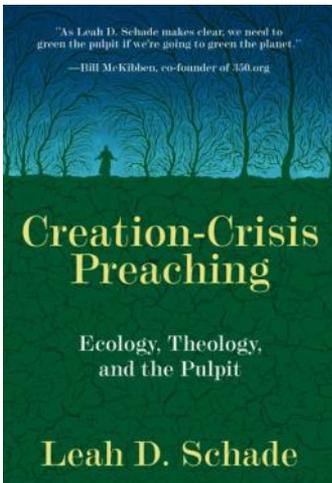


in a **day of prayer and commitment to end racism on Sept. 6**. During worship that day, we will offer prayers specifically addressing the need to confront and root out the hold that racism has on our hearts, minds and actions.

But it cannot end here. Racism is a hundreds-year-old demonic force in our country, and we will not be done the work of casting out this evil until our brothers and sisters of color say we're done. White privilege has dictated the terms of this "conversation" for far too long. As a white, middle-age, middle-class, educated, able-bodied, heterosexual female who strives to answer God's call to lead a Lutheran congregation, I must do my part to listen to the voices of the oppressed, take seriously their calls for justice, call out racism (and all "isms" for that matter) when I encounter it, and encourage the parishioners I serve to do the same.

I hope you will join me in undertaking this difficult but necessary work of critically examining our prejudices, assumptions, and enculturated beliefs in order to humble ourselves before God and our neighbors of color and repent of our collective and individual sins of racism. God promises that by doing this work together, we will learn what healing looks like for the Body of Christ.

—*Pastor Schade*



***Creation-Crisis Preaching* book now available!**

Pastor Schade's new book *Creation-Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology, and the Pulpit*, published by Chalice Press is now available. She will be donating one copy to the church library. There will be a book launch event at Barnes and Noble Bucknell Bookstore on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2 – 4:30 p.m. (after the Rally Day picnic), and the congregation is invited! Books can also be purchased from Pastor Schade after the launch event. The book

features sermons that have been preached here at UIC, and the church is listed both in the Acknowledgments and the Index.

Journey Through EXODUS

QUIZZLE BEGINS!

Last year we read and preached through Genesis, the first book of the Bible. This year in the months of September through January (excluding December), we will pick up with the story of God's people in the book of Exodus. Join us each Sunday during the Quizzle Faith Formation Hour, 9 a.m., and then in worship at 10 as we accompany Moses and the Israelites during their enslavement in Egypt, through their escape to freedom, and as they begin their wilderness journey to the Promised Land. Along the way, we'll learn important faith lessons that apply to our lives today.

There will be multiple learning stations during Quizzle that people of all ages will enjoy, including creative prayer ideas, reading the key biblical text for the day, coloring, and making a "burning bush," pillars of cloud and fire, and painted "door posts" to help us remember the stories of Exodus. And don't be surprised if a Quizzle group finds you on your way into church on Sunday morning!

SEPT. 13

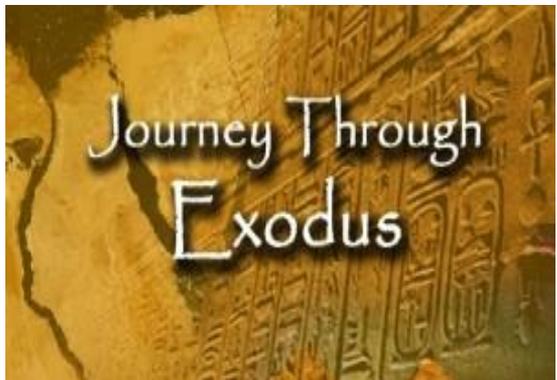
Baby Moses in the
Basket

SEPT. 20

Moses at the Burning
Bush

SEPT. 27

The Plagues of Egypt
(FROG Sunday)



UNITED IN CHRIST NEWS ITEMS



**God's work.
Our hands.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Our Youth and Social Ministry committees have been asked to help with a home improvement project for a New Columbia resident. This project was one that was part of the Group Work Camp projects that was not able to be completed because of rain. This is our planned project for our God's Work, Our Hands Day on Sept. 20. We will need help with powerwashing (to be done prior to Sept. 20), painting, installing a railing on the back porch, reinforcing a wooden retaining wall, bush and tree trimming and rubbish removal. Sign-up sheets for the different projects are available in the Social Hall.



Ice Cream Social



ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH PASTOR CATRINA!

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.
for an ice cream social to welcome
Pastor Catrina for a visit to our church while she's in
the area. If you've got an instrument—bring it! We'll
have a good time with music and tasty treats!

WEBSITE REBOOT

We are grateful to BJ Koch who got us started with a website two years ago. Now we are able to take the content and framework he provided and move to a Wordpress site that will save the church about \$300 each year. Terri Cromwell has been working on this revamping project. Visit www.unitedinchristlutheran.net after September 1 to see the new format!



FELLOWSHIP HOUR REBOOT



This fall we are reorganizing the last name groupings for a more even balance so that we have enough people to provide snacks and treats during fellowship time after services. Check the chart in the bulletin and newsletter. Just bring ONE SNACK that day

before worship and help to clean up afterwards – that's it! So, for example, if your last name is Luther, and you see that on Sept. 27 the last names of L-M-N are listed, you bring either a snack (like veggies with dip, or crackers and cheese, fruit tray, etc.) or a dessert item (cookies, or donut holes, etc.). We will rotate through the list of names every 5 weeks. If everyone brings just one item, we'll have a nice table of goodies for people to choose from. This will create a wonderful spirit of hospitality among our members and visitors.



Special
Congregational
Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to stay after the Youth Sunday Rally Day service, September 13, for a congregational meeting to discuss budget and stewardship concerns. Also at this meeting we will be presenting information about the mold problem underneath the fellowship hall that has led to the floor sinking in at the section closest to the parking lot. The congregation will consider a motion to proceed with mold remediation and hear information about the scope of the floor repair project.

New copier received. We have received the new MX-M465N Sharp Monochrome Document system at a lease cost of \$123/month over 5 years. This replaces our previous copier that was purchased in 2007 and was costing us over \$5000/year (due to its age and not being able to get parts for it). This means that the church will save at least \$3000 each year over the next five year (a total of \$15,000). A huge thanks to our Office Administrator Terri Cromwell for doing extensive research on eight different models and five different companies and making the arrangements for this new copier!

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN DETROIT A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!



Our youth have come back from Detroit full of energy and wonderful memories of their trip. They led the service on Aug. 2 and are looking forward to leading more services, taking part in more service projects, and fundraising for the next trip which will be in Houston, TX in 2018!



A huge thanks to the whole congregation for helping us get to the ELCA Youth Gathering! More pictures can be seen on Facebook and on the bulletin board next to the church office.



SUMMER MEMORIES

Weekend at Halfway Dam

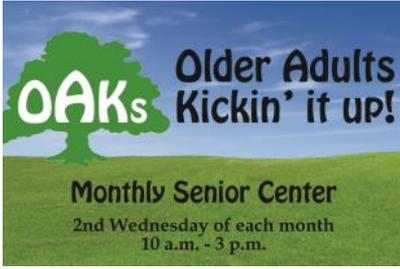


Campers and parishioners enjoyed a beautiful outdoor service at RB Winter State Park on Aug. 9 followed by a picnic by the lake. Five families camped for the weekend and enjoyed time for fellowship, games, campfires, and enjoying God's Creation.



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Youth - Overview of fall events, games
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Youth - put together FROG interviews video,
hang FROGS in sanctuary
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Generously funded by a grant from:



OAKs GOES TO SIGHT AND SOUND TO SEE “JOSEPH”!



The trip to Sight and Sound to see the production of *Joseph* was wonderful. We had 37 attend, and the bus was paid for through our grant from Wheat Ridge Ministries. Thanks to Felicia Swartz for organizing the trip!

In September we will be celebrating our 2nd year anniversary!



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.



Only Senior Center
in the West Milton
New Columbia
Area!

Celebrating 2 Years!

UNITED IN CHRIST MONTHLY SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

- FELLOWSHIP 10 A.M.
- FREE BINGO WITH PRIZES: 11 A.M.
- FREE LUNCH: 12 NOON
- GUEST VOCALIST ABBY BELL: 1 P.M.



Directions to United in Christ Lutheran Church
(one of the "Twin Churches", United in Christ is on the Right)



United in Christ Lutheran Church
1875 Churches Road
570-568-2254
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, Pastor
www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

September Worship Volunteer Schedule

| | Sept. 6 | Sept. 13 | Sept. 20 | Sept. 27 |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Acolyte | B. Martz | O. Arndt | Z. Scott | J. Kemper |
| Asst. Minister | R. Baker | Youth | A. Baker | T. McPherrin |
| Lector | B. Swartz | Youth | TBA | H. Marsh |
| Comm Asst. | S. Keifer T. McPherrin | A. Arndt K. Swanger | H. Marsh Rosemary K. | K. Guffey M. Keifer |
| Altar Guild | J. Mertz | K. Guffey | F. Van Dyke | C. Troxell |
| Greeters | K. Noll S. Noll M. Keifer | J. Snyder T. Snyder N. Walter | TBA B. Swartz T. Swartz | J. Sheaffer J. Sheaffer F. Van Dyke |
| Ushers | W. Wirth S. Dinsmore C. Dinsmore K. Guffey | Youth | B. Troxell C. Troxell E. Brown S. Brown | M. Rabuck M. Shearer D. Baker Karen B. |
| Social Hour | L - R | S - Z | A - D | E - K |
| Bread/ Wine | O. Rishel | M. Shearer | T. Snyder | P. Swinehart |
| Offering Counters | J. Sheaffer T. Snyder | M. Rabuck M. Shearer | C. Zimmerman W. Wirth | J. Sheaffer T. Snyder |

** Remove calendar and post on your fridge!**

October Worship Volunteer Schedule

| | Oct. 4 | Oct. 11 | Oct. 18 | Youth Oct. 25 |
|----------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Acolyte | B. Schade | D. Shearer | A. Arndt | E. Danowsky |
| Asst. Minister | B. Swartz | R. Baker | A. Baker | Youth |
| Lector | C. Zimmerman | A. Baker | Ken B. | Youth |
| Comm Asst. | M. Shearer T. Snyder | B. Swartz C. Troxell | S. Weiser W. Wirth | Confirmands |
| Altar Guild | S. Weiser | N. Walter | J. Mertz | C. Zimmerman |
| Greeters | G. Weiser E. Brouse K. Floyd | C. Zimmerman S. Brown E. Brown | D. Baker Karen B. L. Danowsky | K. Guffey S. Keifer B. Keifer |
| Ushers | D. Caris L. Caris C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore | K. Guffey M. Keifer S. Keifer B. Keifer | K. Koch Rosemary K. A. Loss H. Marsh | Youth |
| Social Hour | L - R | S - Z | A - D | Michelle Shearer |
| Bread/ Wine | C. Troxell | S. Weiser | W. Wirth | S. Dinsmore (2 loaves) |
| Offering Counters | M. Rabuck M. Shearer | C. Zimmerman W. Wirth | J. Sheaffer M. Shearer | M. Rabuck T. Snyder |

Stewardship Challenge

TAKING A LEAP OF FAITH—FULLY RELY ON GOD!

This year we have a new faith formation program starting called Quizzle that will be intergenerational, interactive, and biblically-based in a fun and creative way. Confirmation and Youth will be meeting on Sunday evenings, and we are excited about our new Youth Band that has started since our youth returned from the ELCA Youth Gathering. And we are looking forward to God's Work, Our Hands Sunday where we will help a local New Columbia resident with home repairs and painting. In other words, there are great things happening here at UIC!

However, we are facing some serious financial challenges. Despite strong worship attendance, an active youth program, and a very faithful and serving congregation, as of the end of July, we are running about a \$16,000 deficit. At the current rate of giving, we are expecting a shortfall of about \$25,000 by year's end. In order to meet expenses, we will need to draw from our ELCA Endowment Fund which has a balance of about \$50,000. If this trend continues next year as well, we can expect to deplete our endowment fund by the end of 2016.

In response to this, the Council has determined that in order to set a realistic budget for 2016, we need to have a more accurate estimate of intended giving from members in the coming year. So on Sept. 13, we are kicking off our FROG (Fully Rely on God) Pledge Campaign, "taking a leap of faith" that our members will respond to the need to support the excellent ministry of this congregation. **At the congregational meeting we will discuss these financial realities and hand out pledge cards, to be returned by Sept. 27, FROG Sunday. Also at this meeting we will be presenting information about the mold problem underneath the fellowship hall that has led to the floor sinking in at the section closest to the parking lot. The congregation will consider a motion to proceed with mold remediation and hear information about the scope of the floor repair project.**

As always, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to the mission of this church. While the challenge is great, we have confidence that God's power of generosity and good stewardship within our congregation is even greater. God is blessing us, and we give thanks that we have so many hands that offer that blessing!



USHERS—PLEASE READ: NEW DUTIES FOR FRIENDSHIP PADS

As the church grows and welcomes new visitors and members we are noticing that signed Friendship Pad sheets are not making their way to our Office Administrator's office each week. Because of this we are adding a task to the Ushers responsibilities. After worship has ended each of the 4 Ushers will start in a different corner of the church and check the Friendship Pads for any sheets that have been filled out. For example, one person will start up front by the organ; another up front on the opposite side; the other two will both start in the back up on the balcony, one of the left side and the other on the right side. All four Ushers will make their way toward the center of the church so no Friendship Pad gets overlooked. The filled-out Friendship Pad sheets can be placed in Terri Cromwell's mailbox, which is across from her office.



We are so very blessed by your willingness to serve and thank each of you for your continued commitment!

REMINDER: PASTOR DAN MAY TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PASTORAL COVERAGE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Pastor Schade is teaching at Susquehanna University and Lebanon Valley College on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pastor Dan May, former interim pastor for UIC, and current pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in McEwansville, has agreed to be on call for pastoral visits and emergencies during those days. (The cost for contracting his services will be taken from a reduction in Pastor Schade's salary). If you are in need of pastoral care on those days, Pastor Dan can be reached on his cell at 570-490-9788.



Only Rishel celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house party at UIC on Aug. 2. Many church members stopped by to wish her a Happy Birthday. You can see more pictures on the church Facebook page, under Photos.



Want to reserve the Social Hall?

If you would like to reserve the social hall for a private function like a birthday party, anniversary, shower, or family reunion, please contact the church office to request a reservation form. Our church is getting busier by the month, so you'll need to reserve your date well in advance. Even if you have a standing event that happens every year, please contact Terri, our office administrator, to get your event on the church calendar asap. There is also a reservation form that will need to be completed.



Getting to Know Our Homebound Members

We read their names on our prayer list every week. But other than our Homebound Communion Visitors, most of us don't get to see our homebound members or know much about them. In this new monthly column, we'll feature an interview with one of our homebound members so you can see their faces and learn a little more about them. This month we feature:



Ruth Stump

Ruth was born Aug. 4, 1929, and is 86 years old. She is a resident of New Columbia and lives in the house in which she raised her six children—Wayne Jr., Ruth Ann, George, Lana, Dale and Christine. She was married to the late Wayne Stump for 48 years until his death in 1997. She

has nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth is the daughter of Winifred Huff and Ralph Fisher, but she was raised by her aunt and uncle Bertha and Foster Rank. She had ten younger siblings and grew up on the farm where she enjoyed helping in the fields, tending to the garden, and caring for the animals.

She completed 10th grade at Milton High School. She married her husband in 1949 and prides herself on having raised “good, healthy kids.” “I kept my kids clean,” she says. One of her proudest moments was her family doctor telling her that she was a good mother.

Ruth attended both the New Columbia and St. John Church growing up and looked forward to hearing stories from the Bible. Her favorite hymns are “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” and “How Great Thou Art.” If you’d like to send Ruth a greeting card, her address is: 1701 Old Rt. 15, New Columbia, PA 17856.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are an opportunity for people to rediscover the person the person they fell in love with and to fall back in love with that person. They are something that every couple

deserves! So have you scheduled your Weekend? **Time is running out to plan to attend one of the fall Weekends** which run from Friday at 8 pm to Sunday around 4pm.

Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

- **September 18-20, 2015** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains, an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 16-18, 2015** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org today, and choose which Weekend works for you. The \$45 registration fee is in effect until September 1, at which time it will increase, so make your choice now! Additionally, at the end of the weekend, there will be an opportunity to make a confidential donation of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. For questions contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred and Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

HEALTH TID-BITS

From our Parish Nurses

September is National Healthy Aging Month. Just because we are mature doesn't mean we have to just sit and let life pass us by. There are many things we can do to age in a more healthy way. I like the word "mature" better than "elderly" because I'm in that group now! (Not that anyone outside that age group isn't mature, *wink, wink*).

HEALTHY AGING



We need to get moving, and this means exercising. If you don't have an exercise routine, find one that works for you. Walking is a great form of exercise. You can walk with a group, a special friend or a neighbor. Walking helps our heart and lungs and is also a great stress reliever. Balance is very important to help improve agility and to prevent falls. Yoga or Tai Chi are great forms of exercise to help improve balance. September is also National Yoga Awareness Month, we have a yoga class here every Monday evening at 7 p.m. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress and improve your emotional state of mind.

Healthy eating is also very important. I love to look through cookbooks and in this age of technology it's easy to find healthy recipes. Of course, there's always the library where we can find a wealth of information on good nutrition.

The mature adult needs to stay social. Stay in contact with friends and meet with them on a regular basis. If you don't have time for a visit you can always call a friend. You could also volunteer at a hospital, library, school and at church. Social contact can help prevent and decrease depression. We have all heard the saying "laughter is the best medicine." Laughter helps to decrease depression, relieve stress, and raise our spirits. Watch a funny movie, read a funny book, get a joke book, or just be around my grandson Bryce for awhile. He is the king of jokes.

We also need to take care of our minds. Just because we are more mature does not mean we need to stop learning. You could find some new hob-

bies or take some classes. It's important to challenge our minds. You can do this by reading, playing games, doing a puzzle, doing brain teasers, and answering trivia.

Our OAKs Monthly Senior Center offers lots of opportunities for the activities listed above. There is lots of time for socializing with friends, plenty of healthy food, games and learning presentations to stimulate your mind, and different programs about exercise offered throughout the year. If you haven't attended OAKs, come out and join us on the second Wednesday from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. And if you already attend—bring a friend!

We also need to be sure we get regular checkups with our doctor. And if you do take medications be sure to take them as prescribed. It's also a good idea to bring a list of all of your medications, along with dosage, to your annual checkups! Let's not forget about doing a safety check of our homes. We don't want to take care of our bodies only to have safety issues at home cause us problems.

This article has been geared towards healthy aging but can also be applied to kids and young adults. Starting at a young age to develop healthy minds and bodies will help us have good routines established for when we reach "maturity". Until next month, good health to you all.

In Christian Love,

Irene and Celia

YOGA MARKS 6TH ANNIVERSARY ON SEPT. 14, 7 pm



Stretch, relax, breathe deeply, feel the stress melt away and the Spirit guiding your movements. Yoga is a wonderful spiritual and physical practice for any age and any level of physical ability. Led by our own Kristie Koch, feel free to try out a class on Mondays at 7 p.m. and enjoy the benefits of this low-impact exercise.

View from the Pew

By Sharon Weiser



GRATEFUL FOR OUR YOUTH

On August 2, we heard from the youth who went to Detroit for The Gathering. Each of them thanked the congregation for helping them get there. As I listened to each one speak more and more I thought, "Thank *you* for allowing us to help get you to Detroit."

We should be feeling very blessed to have this group of young people who wanted to take the time from their summer activities to go somewhere that could have been (as our granddaughter says) "a little sketchy," to meet new people and to experience new things. I've known these young people since they were very, very young and even before they left for Detroit I could see how they have grown, how they are eager to be involved in activities in the church and how friendly they are. It's so nice to see them all interact with each other. They come from four different school districts and that in itself could make a difference in how they get along but it doesn't seem to matter to them.

I see a group of six great kids! A few of them will be eligible for the next gathering in three years but for some this was the only time they get to experience it. I imagine that even those who can't go to the next gathering will be pitching in to help the rest. Texas: prepare yourself for UIC youth in 2018! May God give us the means and desire to support our next group as they begin preparing for that trip, just as we were allowed to support this group and past groups.

This is not just the future of our church this is the church *right now!* And not just UIC but the church universal.

Thank you Father God for youth who are ready to spread Your love all around. Amen.



Amy Danowsky, Marianne Murray, Dustin Kemper, Ellen McCormick, Allison Arndt and Dalton Shearer are pictured here next to a cross made out of a car bumper—appropriate for Detroit!

Member Updates



Matthew Wirth - 9/3
Terri Cromwell - 9/7
Kamden Swanger - 9/8
Lou Swanger - 9/10
Susan Dinsmore - 9/13
Shirley Bergen - 9/14
Kenneth Kahler - 9/15
Gerald Baker - 9/17
Sue Keifer - 9/17

Christine Aucker - 9/19
Karen Baker - 9/23
Ester Minium - 9/23
Dawn Warren-Lee - 9/23
Curtis Zimmerman - 9/25
Cami Zimmerman - 9/26
Bryce Warren - 9/27
Rick Russell - 9/28
Pam Hauck - 9/29



Charles and Susan Dinsmore - 9/4/1993
Rick and Jackie Russell - 9/4/1993
Woody and Celia Warren - 9/11/1971
Mel and Mary Baker - 9/22/1950
Terri and Chad Cromwell - 9/22/2001
Marty and Penny Golder - 9/26/1987



Change of Address

Gwen and Danielle Murphy,
Ellen McCormick
PO Box 193
West Milton PA 17886

Nelson and Esther Minium
Nottingham Village
58 Neitz Rd.
Northumberland, PA 17857

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

Our Members: Faye Ritter, Carolyn Baker, Nelson and Ester Minium, Barry and Louella Swanger, Eleanor Phillips, Mel Baker Jr., Marie Tanner, Margaret Kahler, Ruth Stump, Kathy Loss, Grace and Bob Yost, Arna Dershem, The Kemper Family, Cheryl Baker, Becky Fink, Bob Swartz, Jeffrey Byerly, Alice Ann Snyder, Willard Hauck, Lana Rote, Ellen McCormick, George Rice, John Russell, Sonja Noll, Lucille Harvey, Dick Kling, Ken Baker, Woody Warren, Jason Russell, Only Rishel, Mark Rabuck, Linda Caris, Meda Moyer, Evelyn Baker, John and Shirley Russell.

Friends and Family: Ilsa and Fred Voss, Pastor Gary and Allie Owens, Ardith Wilkins, Mary Lazor, Sharon Clark, Brandyn Cooper, George and Beverly Glatfelter, family and friends of Barbara Bannigan, family and friends of Charles Preston Whitlock, family and friends of Judy Clites, Heather Fogelman, Keith Phelps, Paul Cromwell, Ray Beachy, Aaron and Abby Jacobs, Suzanne Duschesne, Vickey Kerstetter, Richard Baker, Derek and Jessica Yoder and their baby Harrison Everett, Bill Wentz, family and friends of William Dressler, Aaron and Abby Jacobs, Phyllis Jean Smith, family and friends of Betty Bomboy, Kathy and John Ficks, Fred Fisher, Delores Spano, Elaine Latham, Ann Willey, James M. Schade Jr. (Pastor Schade's father-in-law); Carl Jacobs, Jan Patrick, Charlie Hackenburg, Donna Stump, Jen, Patty Hackenberg, President Jimmy Carter, Jack Felix, Dee Wall, Kim Payne, and Pastor Pete Bergstresser.

TO ADD NAMES, PLEASE CONTACT

UICLUTHERAN@DEJAZZD.COM or 570-568-2254

Note: The Friends and Family list will be cleared after Aug. 30.

Let us know!

If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family member is in the hospital. Please call the church at 570-568-2254 and/or Pastor Schade at 610-420-6861 and let us know you

have been hospitalized or have an upcoming surgery. **Please do not assume that if you tell someone in the church that the pastor will find out. Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Schade or the church office directly.**

Also, please contact the church office if you would like to have a visit from the Pastor, one of our homebound communion visitors, or would like to be listed for prayer support.

June and July Worship Attendance

June 7—80

June 14—77

June 21—86

June 28—87

Average for the month: 83

(about equal to previous 4 years)

July 5 – 86

July 12 – 94

July 19 – 55

July 26 – 124 (Re-Creation)

Average for the month: 90

(slight increase over previous 4 years)

COMING IN OCTOBER . . .

Sat., Oct. 3 **Confirmation planning retreat at church,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Hilkert Reunion dinner**

Sun., Oct. 4 **World Communion/Blanket Sunday**

Sun., Oct. 11 **Harvest Home/CROP Walk Sunday**

Wed., Oct. 14 **OAKs Monthly Senior Center 10 – 2 p.m.
(Presentation by Rev. Erwin Roux about his trip to El
Camino Santiago)**

Sun., Oct. 25 **Reformation Sunday
Affirmation of Baptism/Youth Sunday**

Sat., Oct. 31 **Trunk or Treat for youth and community**

***Notice:** Deadline for submissions for the October newsletter is September 14. If you have articles to include, please submit them to:
uiclutheran@dejazzd.com*

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for Milton Area School District. The supplies were delivered in time for the start of the new school year and were distributed to children in need in the three elementary schools.

Thanks to Elwood and Sandy Brown and John Sheaffer for installing the new fan for underneath the fellowship hall.

Pastor Schade thanks Cami Zimmerman and Felicia Swartz for preaching and presiding at worship while she was away this summer.

VISIT THE UIC WEB PAGE and FACEBOOK PAGE!

Click on <http://unitedinchristlutheran.net/> and find links to send your friends and family information on upcoming events, youth schedule, recent sermons, directions, and newsletters. This is a great way to promote our church and invite our friends and neighbors to check us out!



Also, join the conversation about UIC and see recent pictures and postings about all the happenings at our church on Facebook. Just search for United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, and click on the “join” button.

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United in Christ's Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.

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